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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Approval of Criteria for the Consolidation of Local Educational Agencies/Intermediate School Districts Grant

The Consolidation of Local Educational Agencies (LEAs)/Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) Grant was authorized in Public Act 60 of 2013 and signed into state law on June 13, 2013. The Consolidation of LEAs/ISDs Grant is a competitive grant that will be awarded to districts for the reimbursement of transition costs associated with the complete consolidation of districts and/or intermediate districts.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the criteria for the Consolidation of Local Education Agencies/Intermediate School Districts Grant as attached to the Superintendent's memo dated August 1, 2013.

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Criteria for Consolidation of the Local Educational Agencies/Intermediate School Districts Grant

The State Board of Education has adopted as its mission "All students graduate ready for careers, college, and community."

To the extent possible, all grant criteria and grant awards will serve to further attain the above goal.

PRIORITIES, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS THAT THESE CRITERIA SUPPORT

This grant program supports the State Board of Education mission by:

This grant will be used to support the consolidation of educational entities, promoting a more effective and efficient statewide school organization plan, which will free up other available educational resources to support good outcomes for all students.

PURPOSE / BACKGROUND OF GRANT

☒ Competitive ☐ Formula ☐ New ☒ Continuation

The State Legislature appropriated \$5 million for competitive assistance grants to districts and intermediate districts under the 2013-2014 School Aid Act. The funds are to be used for the reimbursement of transition costs associated with the consolidations of districts or intermediate districts that occur on or after June 1, 2013.

CRITERIA

Date criteria were last approved August 14, 2012

☒ Defined in Statute ☐ Defined in Department's Approved Grant Application to the Funder ☒ Proposed by Staff

The main criteria upon which subgrantees will be selected are the following:

- Consolidation of two or more public school districts or intermediate school districts on or after June 1, 2013 (defined in statute).
- Well defined transition costs and completion timeframe (proposed by staff).
- Significant educational system benefits and/or other efficiencies (proposed by staff).
- A district or intermediate district is not eligible to receive funding under this section if the district or intermediate district received a grant from the Section 22g competitive grant assistance program in 2012-13 (proposed by staff).

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS / TARGET POPULATION TO BE SERVED BY GRANT

The eligible applicants and target population of this grant are Local Educational Agencies and Intermediate School Districts that are considering or in the process of consolidation.

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

\$5,000,000

STATUTE

Public Act 60 of 2013, School Aid

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